

**Subject:** RE: Melrose Action Newsletter / Crime Report

**From:**

**Date:** 10/12/2016 06:36 PM

**To:** "Stephen Kalt" <[mail@stephenkalt.com](mailto:mail@stephenkalt.com)>, "Donald Duckworth" <[duckworth.donald@gmail.com](mailto:duckworth.donald@gmail.com)>

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Additional LAPD? I'd like to know what patrols currently exist on Melrose? It doesn't feel like there are any right now. Sorry to be so dramatic, but it's times like these that I understand Peter Nichols' theory on public safety: namely, whoever screams the loudest gets the attention.

For what it's worth, my car was broken in to two weeks ago on a Thurs. night between 7:30-8:30 (sept. 29th). I was parked on the corner of Melrose and Martel. Another person's car was also broken in to on the opposite side of the street, right next to The Village Idiot. Our cameras caught the event and we have clear images of the suspects (it was two young women). There were a lot of people around, but that did nothing to deter them. Me and the other victim both filled police reports (which everyone should always do no matter how small the crime) and offered the video to LAPD. It's been two weeks and no one has requested the video yet...I guess I'm not surprised. But I am disappointed that our SLO had made no effort to reach out to me to follow up. (Anyone else miss SLO Art Gallegos?).

My sense of the state of things on Melrose right now, from a public safety point of view, is that we're on our own. I feel that police presence is at an all time low. I think the amount of shady people in the neighborhood is high. I'm concerned about my staff at The Village Idiot. I'm worried about everyone in the service industry walking to their cars and bus stops at all times of day. Maybe I'm biased because my car was broken in to...but in light of the craziness that happened at Steve's place and Vinoteque...I have real concerns about public safety on Melrose right now...more than ever in the past 10 years frankly.

That's my three cents...

Lindsay

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Re: Melrose Action Newsletter / Crime Report

From: Stephen Kalt <[mail@stephenkalt.com](mailto:mail@stephenkalt.com)>

Date: Wed, October 12, 2016 2:38 pm

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Days on the weekend as well.

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 12, 2016, at 12:08 PM, Donald Duckworth <[duckworth.donald@gmail.com](mailto:duckworth.donald@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good morning guys...

What are your preferences / thoughts as to when you'd like to see additional LAPD patrol on Melrose?

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From: **Donald Duckworth** <[duckworth.donald@gmail.com](mailto:duckworth.donald@gmail.com)>

Date: Wed, Oct 12, 2016 at 12:04 PM

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To: ROLANDO SOLANO <[rolando.solano@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:rolando.solano@lapd.lacity.org)>

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The Melrose BID Board will discuss their time preferences / needs at their meeting on Friday, October 14 and I'll get back to you with their thoughts. Thank you Captain Solano.

On Tue, Oct 11, 2016 at 7:48 AM, ROLANDO SOLANO <[rolando.solano@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:rolando.solano@lapd.lacity.org)> wrote:

Good Morning:

Effective today, you will begin to see more of a presence on Melrose with the Basic Car in the area. As much as I would like to dedicate resources full-time on Melrose, I cannot do so at this time. However, let me know the peak time of the day and night when the merchants would like to see high visibility. Ideally, I am asking for one to two hour windows to maximize the resources I have available to deploy on Melrose.

Thank you.

ROLANDO SOLANO, Captain  
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>>> Donald Duckworth <[duckworth.donald@gmail.com](mailto:duckworth.donald@gmail.com)> 10/6/2016 5:37 PM >>>

I think you are all aware of the law enforcement incident we experienced on Melrose last Sunday. It is reported in the Melrose Action Newsletter that I'm forwarding here.

This latest incident is another of a series that reflect the need, in my opinion, for additional LAPD patrol resources in the Melrose BID area. Our Security Ambassador has observed an absence of patrol vehicles in the area when we have deployed in the evening hours through 0400 (4 AM). The MBIA Board has expressed that concern with SLO Inga Wecker and her Sgt Cleon Joseph. There was discussion of requesting LAPD to reinstate a Melrose foot patrol. During our last Melrose BID Neighborhood Mixer, Captain Sandoval and I spoke of the observed absence of evening patrol resources in the Melrose area. Peter Nichols of Melrose Watch seems to share our concern, as I understand it.

It seems timely to discuss what appropriate next steps should be taken at our next Melrose BID Board meeting next week, on Friday October 14. Perhaps the Council Office will have some suggestions. Or, perhaps LAPD.

I've copied a number of our stakeholders looking for their thoughts.

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From: **Mark Mireles** <[mirelesconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:mirelesconsulting@gmail.com)>  
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Cc: Riley Sherwood <[RileySherwood22@gmail.com](mailto:RileySherwood22@gmail.com)>

Copy. Thank you.

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On Oct 6, 2016 5:03 PM, "Donald Duckworth" <[duckworth.donald@gmail.com](mailto:duckworth.donald@gmail.com)> wrote:  
FYI re Sunday's incident.

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# Melrose Action News

Thursday, October 6, 2016

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**L.A.P.D. Wilshire Station Sets "Coffee With A Cop" Meet Up This Friday**

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In an effort to keep in touch with communities all over Los Angeles, the **Los Angeles Police Department's Wilshire Station** has announced a impromptu social meet up Friday, October 7th. Called "Coffee With A Cop", the "no agenda" meeting will be held at Canter's Deli from 10 am - 12 pm. [For map location click here](#). Neighbors and community stake holders are encouraged to come down and meet with your local L.A.P.D. officials for a relaxed open meeting about any issues, questions, or concerns you might have in relation to public safety in our area or the city at large. Free coffee and treats will be served. For more information, please contact the L.A.P.D. Wilshire Community Relations office at [213-473-0200](tel:213-473-0200). See flyer below for more info.

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## Incident at Melrose & Gardner St Ends In Three Arrests

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An incident occurred on Sunday October 2nd that aparently started on the patio of Spartina Restaurant - at Gardner St and Melrose Ave. According to Los Angeles Police Department officials at our Wilshire Station -- three intoxicated individuals got into some sort of altercation with each other then with other unknown persons at the restaurant with a series of events that included breaking glass, vandalism, some sort of assault, and more before the three suspects headed east on Melrose. They briefly slipped into Vinoteque Restaurant where they caused more disruption. The incident culminated in the arrest of all three suspects at Vista St and Melrose Ave. A senior lead officer from the LAPD Wilshire Station told Melrose Action that as of Tuesday October 5th - the three suspects were still in custody facing multiple charges. It's been a really rough period -- crime wise -- on that corner and on Gardner St itself lately -- starting a few months back with a armed robbery of a staff member of Spartina in the adjacent alley, a separate attempted robbery on the 700 N. block of Gardner not long after, another armed robbery and battery of a victim at Waring and Gardner - add to those the reported rape in a home on the 800 N. block of Gardner that is related to the subsequent arrest of a homeowner suspected of a murder that occurred in West Hollywood. See photos of last Sunday's incident below.

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## Latest Area Crime Maps Courtesy Of Our L.A.P.D. Wilshire Station

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## NEW! Melrose Action Area Crime Blotter

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## **Reported Crimes from 9/10//2016 - 10/04/2016**

(Serious crimes are highlighted in red)

If you have any information about these crimes please contact LAPD Wilshire Detectives at [\(213\) 922-8205](tel:213.922.8205)

### **300 BLOCK N GENESEE AV**

**ROBBERY - ATTEMPTED • 9-13-2016 2:30 PM**

### **500 BLOCK N CRESCENT HEIGHTS BL**

BURGLARY • 9-22-2016 6:00 PM

### **500 BLOCK N LA BREA AV**

BURGLARY FROM VEHICLE • 9-23-2016 1:10 AM

### **600 BLOCK N FAIRFAX AV**

THEFT FROM VEHICLE - PETTY • 9-22-2016 3:00 AM

### **600 BLOCK N HAYWORTH AV**

THEFT FROM VEHICLE - PETTY • 9-22-2016 5:30 PM

### **700 BLOCK N CURSON AV**

VEHICLE, STOLEN • 10-2-2016 9:00 AM

### **700 BLOCK N FAIRFAX AV**

THEFT-GRAND (plain theft-grand) \$950.01 & over • 9-10-2016 1:00 PM

### **800 BLOCK N CRESCENT HEIGHTS BL**

THEFT FROM VEHICLE - GRAND (\$950.01 & over) • 9-14-2016 3:30 PM

### **800 BLOCK N KILKEA DR**

BURGLARY FROM VEHICLE • 10-2-2016 1:05 AM

### **800 BLOCK N MARTEL AV**

BURGLARY FROM VEHICLE • 9-21-2016 9:15 PM

### **800 BLOCK N OGDEN DR**

BURGLARY FROM VEHICLE • 9-26-2016 12:01 AM

### **900 BLOCK N LA BREA AV**

BURGLARY (entry of structure w/intent to commit theft or a felony) • 9-27-2016 4:05 AM

### **900 BLOCK SPAULDING AVE**

THEFT, PETTY: West Hollywood • 9-25-2016 6:17 PM

### **7000 BLOCK ROMAINE ST**

BURGLARY (entry of structure w/intent to commit theft or a felony) • 9-14-2016 3:30 PM

### **7200 BLOCK MELROSE AV**

BURGLARY FROM VEHICLE • 9-23-2016 8:00 PM

### **7400 BLOCK BEVERLY BL**

BURGLARY (entry of structure w/intent to commit theft or a felony) • 9-30-2016 6:00 PM

### **7400 BLOCK MELROSE AV**

THEFT - PETTY (plain theft-petty) (\$950 & under) • 9-17-2016 10:00 PM

**7500 BLOCK MELROSE AV - See story above**

**ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON (3 Persons Arrested) (ADW) (likely to produce great bodily injury) • 10-2-2016 3:10 PM**

### **7700 BLOCK BEVERLY BL**

THEFT FROM VEHICLE - PETTY • 9-25-2016 7:00 PM

**7900 BLOCK MELROSE AV**

BURGLARY FROM VEHICLE • 9-29-2016 2:00 PM

**8000 BLOCK ROMAINE ST**

BURGLARY FROM VEHICLE • 9-30-2016 11:00 PM

**8200 BLOCK MELROSE AV**

THEFT FROM VEHICLE - PETTY (\$950 & under) • 9-16-2016 3:00 PM

**FAIRFAX & MELROSE**

THEFT FROM PERSON • 9-14-2016 3:45 PM

**MELROSE AV & FAIRFAX AV**

**ROBBERY (taking property of another by means of force or fear) • 9-23-2016 8:15 AM**

**LA BREA & WARING**

VEHICLE, STOLEN • 9-23-2016 10:00 PM

**LA BREA AV & MELROSE AV**

**ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON (ADW) • 9-25-2016 5:10 PM**

**LA BREA AV & MELROSE AV**

**ROBBERY (taking property of another by means of force or fear) • 9-18-2016 11:07 PM**

**MARTEL & MELROSE**

BURGLARY FROM VEHICLE • 9-29-2016 8:22 PM

**MELROSE & POINSETTIA**

**ROBBERY (taking property of another by means of force or fear) • 10-3-2016 2:00 PM**

**MELROSE AV & FULLER AV**

BURGLARY FROM VEHICLE • 9-29-2016 10:00 PM

**MELROSE AV & LAUREL**

**ROBBERY (taking property of another by means of force or fear) • 9-21-2016 4:25 PM**

**OGDEN & MELROSE**

VEHICLE, STOLEN • 10-2-2016 9:30 AM

**STANLEY & MELROSE**

THEFT FROM PERSON • 9-26-2016 3:45 PM

**VISTA & MELROSE**

VEHICLE, STOLEN • 9-26-2016 3:45 PM

**VISTA & MELROSE**

BURGLARY FROM VEHICLE • 9-16-2016 12:00 PM

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**This is a message that bears repeating, no matter where you live in the world: Your assistance is needed in preventing terrorist acts.**

It's a fact that certain kinds of activities can indicate terrorist plans that are in the works, especially when they occur at or near high profile sites or places where large numbers of people gather—like government buildings, military facilities, utilities, bus or train stations, major public events, amusement parks, movie theaters, shopping malls. If you see or know about suspicious activities, like the ones listed below, please report them immediately to the proper authorities. In the

United States, that means your closest Joint Terrorist Task Force, located in an FBI field office. In other countries, that means your closest law enforcement/counterterrorism agency.

**Surveillance:** Are you aware of anyone video recording or monitoring activities, taking notes, using cameras, maps, binoculars, etc., near key facilities/events?

**Suspicious Questioning:** Are you aware of anyone attempting to gain information in person, by phone, mail, email, etc., regarding a key facility or people who work there?

**Tests of Security:** Are you aware of any attempts to penetrate or test physical security or procedures at a key facility/event?

**Acquiring Supplies:** Are you aware of anyone attempting to improperly acquire explosives, weapons, ammunition, dangerous chemicals, uniforms, badges, flight manuals, access cards or identification for a key facility/event or to legally obtain items under suspicious circumstances that could be used in a terrorist attack?

**Suspicious Persons:** Are you aware of anyone who does not appear to belong in the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or near a key facility/event?

**"Dry Runs":** Have you observed any behavior that appears to be preparation for a terrorist act, such as mapping out routes, playing out scenarios with other people, monitoring key facilities/events, timing traffic lights or traffic flow, or other suspicious activities?

**Deploying Assets:** Have you observed abandoned vehicles, stockpiling of suspicious materials, or persons being deployed near a key facility/event?

If you answered yes to any of the above...if you have observed any suspicious activity that may relate to terrorism...again, please contact the Joint Terrorist Task Force or law enforcement/counterterrorism agency closest to you immediately. Your tip could save the lives of innocent people, just like you and yours.

Report Tips and Leads to the FBI [here](#)

**REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY TO OUR LOCAL L.A.P.D. or L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S BY CALLING 9-1-1**

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## Mega-Mansion Construction Sites and Unsecured, Vacant Properties -- Now Safe Havens For Transients and Criminals?

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**BEWARE!** The numerous so-called "Mega" or "McMansion" homes under construction and vacant properties around the our neighborhood have become "home" to transients and criminals seeking a place to squat. Neighbors have been complaining to police and other city officials about recurrent transient trespass activity at these sites. Many of the locations are completely unsecured and anyone can access them unabated -- sometimes because of no construction activity occurring for weeks at a time. If you live near or next to one or more these sites and see suspicious activity -- call the police! Also - contact our community police officer LAPD Senior Lead Officer Inga Wecker at [\(213\) 793-9708](tel:21317939708) or email her at [37580@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:37580@lapd.lacity.org)

Also -- some of the completed "mansions" have created other nuisance issues as some of them have become technically illegal rentals listed on Airbnb and other online services. If you have a nuisance issue with a local home or property -- you can report the property to the Los Angeles City Attorney Neighborhood Prosecutor Nooshi Zahiri at [mehrnoosh.zahiri@lacity.org](mailto:mehrnoosh.zahiri@lacity.org)

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If you are looking for a good list of local resources [you've found it here](#).

We've got helpful resource links now updated on our website. Here are some examples: what's the **best ER in L.A. for your pets**, where to buy your **parking permits**, real-time **street traffic info**, **Metro bus and train schedule** info including **Metrolink**, how to contact our local **Los Angeles City Council member**, the **local area dog park**, **DMV offices**, real time **freeway traffic maps**, your **U.S. Senator**, **County Supervisor**, **Mayor of Los Angeles**, the latest **Cyclavia**, **homeless services**, official websites for the **City of Los Angeles** and **West Hollywood**, **parking enforcement**, **earthquake information**, our **local fire** and **police departments**, **car booted?**, **car towed?**, **graffiti removal**, **street lights out?**, **trash collection**, **how to vote or register to vote**, **West Hollywood Sheriff's site**, and much more. [Go to our Local Resources page here](#).

Want to suggest something to be added to our resource page, email us here [contact-us@melroseaction.com](mailto:contact-us@melroseaction.com)

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